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FOR USAID - LONG FROM WEISS

1. IN PREPARATION FOR WACO POLICY PLANNING MEETING APRIL 29 THROUGH MAY 1, I AND MY STAFF HAVE BEEN REVIEWING WITH DR. MADDEN THE AGREED MINUTES FROM OCTOBER MEETING IN NASSAU TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE MET USG UNDERTAKINGS. SEVERAL QUESTIONS WHICH WE AGREED TO PURSUE AND RESOLVE, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, IN FAVOR OF GCOB POSITION ARE STILL OUTSTANDING: POSSIBILITY OF REIMBURSING GCOB FOR PRIOR MINISTRY TRAVEL (PAGE 5 AGREED MINUTES); POSSIBILITY OF A RETROACTIVE ADJUSTMENT IN WORK-MEN'S COMPENSATION CLAIMS (PAGE 7 AGREED MINUTES); AND USE OF PROJECT PERSONNEL FOR EXTENSION PURPOSES (PAGE 8 AGREED MINUTES). THE FIRST TWO REQUIRED ONLY ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW AND DECISION; THE THIRD, IF NECESSARY, WAS TO BE ACCOMMODATED IN THE COURSE OF AMENDING THE PROAG TO REFLECT PROJECT ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES.

2. I UNDERSTAND FROM DR. MADDEN THAT AMENDMENTS TO PROAG ARE NOW BEING DRAFTED AND A QUESTION HAS ARISEN CONCERNING WHETHER THEY WILL INCLUDE EXTENSION WORK BY PROJECT PERSONNEL. AS YOU WILL RECALL FROM OCTOBER MEETING WE AGREED, AS A MATTER OF POLICY, THAT PROJECT PERSONNEL COULD AND SHOULD BE USED FOR EXTENSION PURPOSES INsofar AS SUCH EXTENSION WORK WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH PROJECT NEEDS AND PRIORITIES. WE FURTHER

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AGREED THAT IF ANY LEGAL OBSTACLES SHOULD BE FOUND THEY WOULD

BE ALLEVIATED BY AN AMENDMENT TO PROAG. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THERE IS ANY PROBLEM IN THIS REGARD. THE GCOB CABINET HAS ACCEPTED THE ADVANCE WORK PLAN WITHOUT CHANGES AND EXTENSION WORK BY PROJECT PERSONNEL, WHEN POSSIBLE, IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN BOTH PROJECT'S AND GCOB'S AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

3. I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD DETERMINE THE STATUS OF ALL THREE OF THESE ISSUES AS I BELIEVE THEY SHOULD BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE WACO MEETING. I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPIES OF ALL PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PROAG SO THAT WE MAY HAVE A CHANCE TO STUDY AND COMMENT ON THEM BEFORE THE MEETING.

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